

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method for preparing (S)-(-)-amlodipine comprising: ~~comprises~~ dissolving racemic amlodipine and L-(+)-tartaric acid in an organic solvent containing 2-butanone to yield (S)-(-)-amlodipine-L-(+)-tartrate precipitate by reaction; separating the precipitate; recrystallizing the precipitate by using a lower alcohol solvent to obtain a solid; adding a lower alkyl halide into the solid; and ~~neutralizing with the resulting solution is neutralized by~~ an aqueous alkali to give (S)-(-)-amlodipine.

2. (Original) The method for preparing (S)-(-)-amlodipine according to claim 1, wherein said organic solvent is 2-butanone or mixture of 2-butanone with a cosolvent.

3. (Original) The method for preparing (S)-(-)-amlodipine according to claim 2, wherein said cosolvent is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, n-butanol, acetone, 2-pentanone, ethyl ether, methyl ethyl ether, ethyl acetate, ethyl formate, dichloromethane and chloroform.

4. (Original) The method for preparing (S)-(-)-amlodipine according to claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of racemic amlodipine to L-(+)-tartaric acid is 1:0.25~0.8.

5. (Original) The method for preparing (S)-(-)-amlodipine according to claim 4, wherein the molar ratio of racemic amlodipine to L-(+)-tartaric acid is 1:0.5.

6. (Original) The method for preparing (S)-(-)-amlodipine according to claim 1, wherein said lower alcohol solvent is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, methanol and isopropanol.

7. (currently amended) A method for preparing (R)-(+)-amlodipine comprising: ~~comprises~~ dissolving racemic amlodipine and D-(-)-tartaric acid in an organic solvent containing 2-butanone to yield (R)-(+)-amlodipine-D-(-)-tartrate precipitate by reaction; separating the precipitate; recrystallizing the precipitate by using a lower alcohol solvent to obtain a solid; adding a lower alkyl halide into the solid; and ~~neutralizing with the resulting solution is neutralized by~~ an aqueous alkali to give (R)-(+)-amlodipine.

8. (Original) The method for preparing (R)-(+)-amlodipine according to claim 7, wherein said organic solvent is 2-butanone or mixture of 2-butanone with a cosolvent.

9. (Original) The method for preparing (R)-(+)-amlodipine according to claim 8, wherein said cosolvent is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, n-butanol, acetone, 2-pentanone, ethyl ether, methyl ethyl ether, ethyl acetate, ethyl formate, dichloromethane and chloroform.

10. (Original) The method for preparing (R)-(+)-amlodipine according to claim 7, wherein the molar ratio of racemic amlodipine to D-(-)-tartaric acid is 1:0.25~0.8.

11. (Original) The method for preparing (R)-(+)-amlodipine according to claim 10, wherein the molar ratio of racemic amlodipine to D-(-)-tartaric acid is 1:0.5.

12. (Original) The method for preparing (R)-(+)-amlodipine according to claim 7, wherein said lower alcohol solvent is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, methanol and isopropanol.